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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and without any assertion as to materiality or prior art effect, the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are hereby cited.

Document AG on the attached list is cited in the specification, on pages 1-3, and its relevance is indicated therein.

Applicants Japanese representative has also provided the attached comments regarding the relevance of the listed documents.

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Comments Provided by Japanese Representative:

1. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 2000-170786

(Document AG) :

A spider is clearance-fitted in a bearing.

2. Japanese Utility Model Application Laid-Open No. 1-

65929 (Document AH) :

**Plural rows of rollers are used on stepped portions of
a spider. The spider is clearance-fitted in a bearing.**

3. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 2000-170755

(Document AI) :

**Bearing cup is formed with three or more partly
circular walls which are elastically deformed to eliminate
plays.**

4. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 2001-193753

(Document AJ) :

**An elastic member is disposed between the bottom of a
bearing cup and an end of a spider. The elastic member is
elastically deformed in the thrust and radial directions.**